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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM CENTER FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST OFFERS SUMMER INSTITUTE PUBLIC EVENTS**

**MISSOULA —**

The University of Montana's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West will offer two public events during its third annual Summer Institute, scheduled for July 23-25.

A brown-bag lunch program titled "Federalism and Democracy in a Globalizing Economy" is planned for Monday, July 24, from noon to 1 p.m. in the UM Law Building Castles Center.

The program will explore how an increasingly formalized global trading system takes into account democratic processes within federalist systems. Among the issues addressed will be how environmental protection and workplace standards will work in global trading agreements that cross national borders and whether North America will evolve into a multinational continental economic community similar to the European Union.

Speakers will be Earl Fry, professor of political science and Endowed Professor of Canadian Studies at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; John Kincaid, professor of government and public land service and director for the Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government at Lafayette College in Easton, Penn.; and Robert Stumberg, professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and clinical director for the Harrison Institute for Public Law.

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The second public program will be "The Yellowstone-to-Yukon Conservation Initiative: Canadian Perspectives on a Cross-border Proposal" on Monday, July 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Milwaukee Station, located at 250 Station Dr.

The Y2Y initiative is an ambitious proposal to build and maintain a series of protected key reserves and connecting wildlife movement corridors throughout the U.S. and Canadian Northern Rockies. What are the political and social barriers to such large-scale thinking? What should U.S. proponents of the cross-border proposal know about its Canadian implications?

The event will include an introduction to the proposal and a panel discussion. Audience questions and participation will be encouraged.

Panelists will be Katie Deuel, U.S. outreach associate of the Y2Y Conservation Initiative in Missoula; Ted Chambers, director of the Western Centre for Economic Research in Edmonton, Alberta; Roger Gibbons, president and CEO of Canada West Foundation in Calgary, Alberta; Beth LaDow of Winchester, Mass., author of "Medicine Line: Life and Death on an American Borderland"; and Melanie McCallum of Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs in Edmonton.

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